

**Subject:** Re: CPRA request (SPBID.2017.07.12.a)

**From:** Public Records Request <publicrecordsrequests@southpark.la>

**Date:** 07/21/2017 03:06 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

In response to your CPRA request for a signed written contract between the BID and Devine Strategies, I have determined there is no signed written contract.

Public Records Request

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On 7/21/17, 12:26 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Devine Strategies is handling the renewal of the SPBIDs and there's no contract? I don't understand how that's possible. You all are paying DS money for services without a contract in violation of generally accepted accounting principles? I don't understand. Can you please, as you're legally obligated to do, help me to understand how to ask you for a copy of the agreement or agreements under which the BID is paying anyone for renewal consulting?

If this is some word game about who has physical possession of the records, which is suggested by your "on file at the BID" phraseology, it doesn't matter if there's no physical copy at the BID since obviously the BID has constructive possession of DS's copy. Furthermore, the CPRA includes records "used" by the BID among public records, and contracts between the BID and anyone are "used" by the BID. So if that's what you're talking about you have a clear duty under the law to get a copy or copies from DS and let me look at them. You might also note that the CPRA forbids you from letting a third party, like e.g. DS, control my access to records.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

On Fri, Jul 21, 2017, at 12:19 PM, Public Records Request wrote:

> There is no "renewal consulting contract or contracts" on-file at the  
> BID. As previously stated, you are free to make a request to Devine  
> Strategies.

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> On 7/21/17, 12:09 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

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> How is it possible that there's no contract for renewal consulting?  
> Will you either send the renewal consulting contract or contracts or,  
> alternatively, confirm explicitly that the BID paid DS for renewal  
> consulting without having the firm under contract?

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> thanks,

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